

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4 (Canceled)

5. (Original) Cleaning apparatus for a meat cutting band saw having a meat cutting table and a drive wheel below said table and a guide wheel above said table with a toothed blade trained over said wheels to provide a downwardly moving blade flight portion and an upwardly moving blade flight portion;

a water delivery manifold supported in proximity to said blade and below said table; and

a pair of spray nozzle assemblies communicating with said manifold in closely spaced relation to each of said moving flight portions, each of said pair of assemblies having a pair of nozzles directed against opposite side portions of said downwardly and upwardly moving flight portions.

6. (Original) The cleaning apparatus of claim 5 wherein both of said pairs of nozzles are directed downwardly.

7. (Original) The cleaning apparatus of claim 6 wherein each of said nozzle assemblies includes a manifold element disposed rearwardly of said blade and a pair of nodes disposed at opposite sides of said blades.

8. (Withdrawn) The cleaning apparatus of claim 7 wherein a tray is disposed below said blade to receive spent water and entrained materials.

9. (Withdrawn) The cleaning apparatus of claim 7 wherein the angles of said nodes relative to the associated one of said manifold elements is selectively adjustable.

10. (Original) Cleaning apparatus for a meat cutting band saw comprising:
a supporting wall having a cutting table at its upper end;
a drive wheel mounted on one side of said wall and below said table;
a guide wheel mounted above said table;
a saw blade trained over said wheels and having a downward moving cutting flight and an upward moving return flight parallel to each other and below said table;
a water delivery manifold in position at the other side of said wall delivering water to spaced points adjacent to said cutting and return flights at the first side of said wall;
a nozzle assembly associated with each of said flights and connected to each of said spaced points; and
a pair of nozzles directing water downwardly and against the opposed sides of the associated cutting and return flights.

11. (Original) The cleaning apparatus of claim 10 wherein said water delivery manifold includes a pair of flexible hoses delivering water to said spaced points.

12. (Withdrawn) The cleaning apparatus of claim 10 wherein a tray is disposed at the lower end of said supporting wall to receive spent spray and materials washed from said blade.